IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to have the status and content indicated in the following listing of claims, wherein any cancellation of claims is made *without prejudice*.

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

12. (previously presented) Visor assembly according to Claim 21, wherein the sealing and spacing member comprises a ring and an enclosed gas or air chamber is delimited between the inner shield and the outer shield by the sealing and spacing member and wherein the internal width of said chamber is at least 2 mm.

13. (previously presented) Visor according to Claim 21, wherein said mechanical fixing elements comprise pins fitted on the outer shield and recesses in the inner shield the pins being cooperative with the recesses.

14 (cancelled).

15. (previously presented) Visor assembly according to Claim 21, wherein said outer shield is made of polycarbonate.

16. (previously presented) Visor assembly according to Claim 21, wherein said inner shield is made of heat-treated cellulose acetate material.

17. (previously presented) Visor assembly according to Claim 21, wherein said mechanical fixing elements comprise a seat in said outer shield the seat at least partially corresponding to the shape of said inner shield.

18. (previously presented) Visor assembly according to Claim 21, wherein said inner shield is made of cellulose propionate material.

19. (previously presented) Visor assembly according to Claim 21, wherein said inner shield is provided on one side with a coating that counteracts misting.

20. (previously presented) Visor assembly according to Claim 18, wherein said inner shield is provided on one side with a scratch-resistant coating.

21. (currently amended) Visor assembly comprising
(a) ~~an~~ replaceable inner shield;
(b) an outer shield spaced from the inner shield and carrying mechanical fixing elements to fix the inner shield to the outer shield, the inner shield being supported by the outer shield, being located within the periphery of the outer shield, being spaced from and ~~detachably~~ engageable with the outer shield and being detachable from the outer shield and visor assembly;
(c) additional fixing elements for fixing the outer shield to a support component, the support component optionally being a helmet or a goggles frame; and
(d) a sealing and spacing member extending around the periphery of the inner shield, on a surface facing the outer shield, to seal and space the inner shield from the outer shield;
wherein the sealing and spacing member is fabricated of flexible silicone material, is adhered to the inner shield and can sealingly engage the outer shield without adhering to the outer shield.

22. (previously presented) A visor assembly according to claim 21 wherein the visor assembly lacks electric heating means.

23. (previously presented) A visor assembly according to claim 21 wherein the outer shield has a recess corresponding to the external dimensions of the inner shield and wherein the inner shield is accommodated in the outer shield recess.

24. (previously presented) A visor assembly according to claim 21 wherein the inner shield has a mist-resistant coating on the one surface and comprises a second peripheral resilient sealing and spacing member adhered to the other surface and wherein the inner shield is reversible to dispose the mist-resistant coating either inwardly or outwardly of the space between the inner and the outer shield.

25. (previously presented) A visor assembly according to claim 12 wherein said mechanical fixing elements comprise pins fitted on the outer shield and recesses in the inner shield the pins being cooperative with the recesses and wherein said mechanical fixing elements comprise a seat in said outer shield the seat at least partially corresponding to the shape of said inner shield.

26. (previously presented) A visor assembly according to claim 25 wherein the outer shield has a recess corresponding to the external dimensions of the inner shield and wherein the inner shield is accommodated in the outer shield recess.

27. (previously presented) A visor assembly according to claim 12 wherein said outer shield is made of polycarbonate, said inner shield is made of heat-treated cellulose acetate material or cellulose propionate material and optionally said inner shield is provided on one side with a coating that counteracts misting.

28. (previously presented) A visor assembly according to claim 25 wherein said outer shield is made of polycarbonate, said inner shield is made of heat-treated cellulose acetate material or cellulose propionate material and optionally said inner shield is provided on one side with a coating that counteracts misting.

29. (previously presented) Visor assembly comprising

(a) ~~an~~ replaceable inner shield;

(b) an outer shield spaced from the inner shield and carrying mechanical fixing

elements to fix the inner shield to the outer shield, the inner shield being supported by the outer shield, being located within the periphery of the outer shield and being spaced from and ~~detachably~~ engageable with the outer shield and being detachable from the outer shield and visor assembly;

(c) additional fixing elements for fixing the outer shield to a support component, the support component optionally being a helmet or a goggles frame; and

(d) a sealing and spacing member extending around the periphery of the inner shield, on a surface facing the outer shield, to seal and space the inner shield from the outer shield; wherein the sealing and spacing member is flexible and is adhered to the inner shield and can sealingly engage the outer shield without adhering to the outer shield and wherein the visor assembly lacks electric heating means.

30. (previously presented) A visor assembly according to claim 29 wherein the sealing and spacing member of flexible material comprises a ring, optionally of rubbery elastic material, and an enclosed gas or air chamber is delimited between the inner shield and the outer shield by the sealing and spacing member and wherein the internal width of said chamber is at least 2 mm., said mechanical fixing elements comprise pins fitted on the outer shield and recesses in the inner shield the pins being cooperative with the recesses and wherein said mechanical fixing elements comprise a seat in said outer shield the seat at least partially corresponding to the shape of said inner shield.

31. (previously presented) A visor assembly according to claim 30 wherein said outer shield is made of polycarbonate, said inner shield is made of heat-treated cellulose acetate material or cellulose propionate material and optionally said inner shield is provided on one side with a coating that counteracts misting.

32. (new) Visor assembly according to claim 21 wherein the inner shield is directly connected to the outer shield by the mechanical fixing elements and is supported entirely by the outer shield.